THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The details are given as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Approximate Expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2005 (Rs. in Crore)	Outlay (2005-06) (Rs. in Crore)	Status
1.	Patna-Ganga Bridge with linking lines between Patna and Hajipur (19 km.)	627.47	186.31	42.00	Land acquisition and earthwork is in progress. Sub-structure of main bridge taken up. Overall physical progress of this project is 33%.
2.	Rail-cum road bridge at Munger-new line (19.8)	921.00	78.69	42.00	Final location survey including detailed investigations completed. Sub-structure of main bridge taken up. Land acquisition is under process. Overall physical progress of this project is 12.5%.
3.	Kosi Bridge new line (22 km.)	323.41	1.56	9.00	Final Location Survey completed. Land acquisition taken up. Earthwork and bridge works also taken up.

These bridges are likely to be completed in a period of 3-4 years depending upon availability of resources.

Introduction of tourist trains

1311. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to start about 100 tourist trains in the country on the lines on which 'Palace on Wheels' is being run;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the fare would be charged in foreign currency;

(d) if so, the reasons for not charging the fare in Indian currency; and

(e) the details of the routes of these tourist trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Pending rail projects in Jharkhand and Bihar

†1312. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects pending in Jharkhand and Bihar;

(b) the reasons for delay in implementation of these projects; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of various ongoing projects falling fully or partly in Jharkhand and Bihar along with their anticipated cost and target wherever fixed, is given as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in crore)	Target wherever fixed
1	2	3	4
1.	Koderma-Tilaiya (65 km)	307.71	—
2.	Koderma-Barkakana-Ranchi (2002 kms)	1033.00	—
3.	Giridih-Koderma (102 km)	371.36	—
4.	Deogarh-Dumka (60 km)	180.72	—
5.	Deogarh-Sultanganj, Banka-Barahat and Banka-Bhitiah Road (147 km)	312.00	Banka-Barahat completed.
6.	Mandarhill-Rampurhat *via* Dumka (130 km)	250.07	—
7.	Ara-Sasaram (98 km)	189.14	The work is targeted for completion during 2006-07.
8.	Sakri-Hasanpur (76 km)	89.70	Sakri-Nirmali is targeted for completion during 2006-07.
9.	Khagaria-Kusheshwarsthan (42.31 kms)	162.87	—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.